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US Department of Agriculture
FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
NONCOMPLIANCE RECORD

TYPE OF NONCOMPLIANCE

Food Safety

Other Consumer Protection

1. DATE	2. RECORD NO.	3. ESTABLISHMENT NO.
2/28/2024	RDI0000000000N / 1	M000 +P000

4. TO (Name and Title)	5. PERSONNEL NOTIFIED
Mr. Plant Person Supervisor	Plant Person; Not Named

6. RELEVANT REGULATIONS	6a. ASSOCIATED NR(s)
313.15(a)(1) Immediate unconsciousness (captive bolt)	
313.15(a)(3) Remain unconscious	

7. TITLE(S) OF HACCP OR SSOP PLAN or OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION	7a. NAME OF HACCP CCP(S) or PREREQUISITE PROGRAM

8. INSPECTION TASK	9. VERIFICATION ACTIVITY
Livestock Humane Handling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review & Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Record Keeping <input type="checkbox"/> Both
	9a. AFFECTED PRODUCT INFORMATION No product affected.
	9b. RETAIN/REJECT TAGS B-45 412624

10. DESCRIPTION OF NONCOMPLIANCE

At approximately 1012 hours on 2/28/24 while observing the HATS Category VIII-Stunning Effectiveness I observed the following noncompliance. The establishment employee stunned bovine #4 with a hand-held captive bolt device and the animal dropped, eyes rolled, and no blinking was observed. The animal was rolled from the restrainer to the slaughter floor and shackled. The animal was hoisted to be bled and when the animal was being stuck, I observed the animal blinked multiple times and it vocalized three times, with open mouth belling, as the carotid artery was being cut, which indicates that the animal had returned to a conscious state. Mr. Plant Person stated he saw the animal stiffen and tried to right itself as he was sticking the animal. There were no other attempts made to render the animal unconscious due to the backup HHCB device not being readily available. The animal bled out and became unconscious.

I spoke with Mr. Plant Person, Supervisor, Not Named, plant manager, about the observation of a beef animal regaining consciousness and that I would be issuing a noncompliance and contacting my supervisor for further guidance.

I contacted my immediate supervisor, Dr. Great Vet, and my Front-Line Supervisor, Dr. Awesome Vet and informed them of the situation. After being instructed by Dr. Vet, a U.S. Reject tag number B-45 412624 was placed on the restrainer.

The carcass head was examined, skinned, and the brain removed. The HHCB stun wound was between the eyes approximately mid-forehead. The research team that was present removed the skull cap to remove the brain. The stun bolt entered the anterior portion of the brain cavity but did not fully penetrate the brain.

11. SIGNATURE OF INSPECTION PROGRAM EMPLOYEE

12. ESTABLISHMENT MANAGEMENT RESPONSE:

This document serves as written notification that your failure to comply with regulatory requirements(s) could result in additional regulatory or administrative action.

13. SIGNATURE OF ESTABLISHMENT MANAGEMENT

14. DATE

15. VERIFICATION SIGNATURE OF INSPECTION PROGRAM EMPLOYEE

16. DATE

Review the revisions in detail on the next slides.

Original NR from IPP

At approximately 1012 hours on 2/28/24 while observing the knocking and stunning of bovine carcass #4 I observed the knocking of the animal with a captive bolt device, one knock was issued the animal dropped and the eyes of the animal rolled, no blinking was observed.

Final NR Issued to Establishment

Added HATS Category to top of NR.

At approximately 1012 hours on 2/28/24 while observing the HATS Category VIII-Stunning Effectiveness I observed the following noncompliance. The establishment employee stunned bovine #4 with a hand-held captive bolt device and the animal dropped, eyes rolled, and no blinking was observed.

Corrected grammar, used standard vocabulary.

Original NR from IPP

Used standard vocabulary.

The animal was dropped from the knock box to the slaughter floor and then shackled. The animal was raised to be bled, which was being stuck, I observed the animal blinked, and the animal vocalized, potentially induced by pain, as the carotid artery was being cut.

Added description to distinguish vocalization from breath leaving lungs (not actual vocalization).

Removed subjective content ("potentially in pain"). Replaced with objective content.

Final NR Issued to Establishment

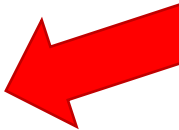
The animal was rolled from the restrainer to the slaughter floor and shackled. The animal was hoisted to be bled and when the animal was being stuck, I observed the animal blinked multiple times and it vocalized three times, with open mouth bellowing, as the carotid artery was being cut, which indicates that the animal had returned to a conscious state.

Original NR from IPP

Mr. Plant Person stated he saw the animal stiffen and tried to right itself as he was sticking the animal. I did not observe the righting reflex as Mr. Person stated he observed the righting reflex. I only saw the animal stiffen, the multiple blinks of the eyes, I heard a rasping breath, and heard the multiple vocalization. I did not observe any eye tracking.

Final NR Issued to Establishment

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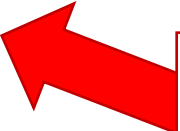
Removed content that does not directly support the NR.

Original NR from IPP

I spoke with Mr. Plant Person, Supervisor, and Not Named, plant manager, about the regaining consciousness of an animal, stating that if this happens again, they will need to immediately knock the animal again to render the animal unconscious even if the animal is shackled and hanging.

Final NR Issued to Establishment

I spoke with Mr. Plant Person, Supervisor, and Not Named, plant manager, about the regaining consciousness of an animal and that I would be issuing a noncompliance and contacting my supervisor for further guidance.



Removed content that does not directly support the NR.

Original NR from IPP

At 1018 hours, I emailed my immediate supervisor, Dr. Great Vet, and my Front-Line Supervisor, Dr. Awesome Vet of the situation. After being instructed by Dr. Vet a USDA Reject tag has been placed on the knock box not permitting any further use until further investigation from the District Office.

Final NR Issued to Establishment

I contacted my immediate supervisor, Dr. Great Vet, and my Front-Line Supervisor, Dr. Awesome Vet and informed them of the situation. After being instructed by Dr. Vet, a U.S. Reject tag number B-45 412624 was placed on the restrainer.




Added U.S. Reject tag number.

Original NR from IPP

I have been presented with the establishments humane handling binder. There is an annual training...

...to ensure all practices meet proper handling techniques. There is not a completed Beef Animal Handling Audit form to review.

Final NR Issued to Establishment



Removed content that does not directly support the NR. The establishment's program is not robust.

Original NR from IPP

Final NR Issued to Establishment

The head was examined, skinned, and the brain removed. The placement of the captive bolt device seemed to be accurate as it was between the eyes and in the accurate location to the brain. The research team that is present for this slaughter removed the skull cap to remove the brain. The member of the team that the knock didn't not go into the brain as there was no exit hole into the brain. The placement of the bolt should have accurately penetrated the brain.

Removed subjective content ("seemed to be"). Replaced with objective description of location.

Removed subjective content ("should have"). Replaced with objective content.

The carcass head was examined, skinned, and the brain removed. The HHCB stun wound was between the eyes approximately mid-forehead. The research team that was present removed the skull cap to remove the brain. The stun bolt entered the anterior portion of the brain cavity but did not fully penetrate the brain.